



The City of Minneapolis

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL



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HONORING

The 2014 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Essay Contest Winners

Whereas, the Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights was established in 1975 to implement Civil Rights policies through public information, education, mediation, conciliation and adjudication; and

Whereas, the Commission provides leadership in the areas of civil rights and carries forward the policies of the City through the prevention and elimination of bias and discrimination; and

Whereas, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., believed that liberty, justice and freedom were the 'inalienable rights' of all men, women and children, and that all people were equal in the sight of God and deserving of dignity and self-worth; and

Whereas, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a recipient of the Nobel Prize, became a national hero whose birthday has been declared a national holiday by his nation's government; and

Whereas, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., inspired people and nations world-wide to strive in non-violent manners for the human rights, civil liberties, and economic guarantees rightfully due people of all races; and

Whereas, the Minneapolis Commission on Civil rights established the Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Essay Contest in 2005 as an opportunity to continue and renew this endeavor through education; and

Whereas, all sixth, seventh and eighth grade students who reside in Minneapolis were eligible to participate by submitting one essay with their answers to this topic: On August 28th, 1963, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (Dr. King) delivered his I Have A Dream speech.

- In what ways has Dr. King's vision for the future been realized?
- What do you think Dr. King would think about the status of civil rights today?
- Reflect upon and describe the current state of civil rights in Minneapolis and in the United States.
- What is your dream for the future of civil rights?

Whereas, the Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights, upon the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, selected the following prize winners from each grade level:

8th Grade:

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| 1 st place: | Grace Klage, Susan B. Anthony Middle School |
| 2 nd place: | Nate Murray, Lake Harriet Community School |
| 3 rd place: | Annabel Chosy, Lake Harriet Community School |

7th Grade:

1st place: Amani Samuels, Anthony Middle School
2nd place: Clare Hillmer, Susan B. Anthony Middle School
3rd place: Ikra Dahir, Anne Sullivan Communications Center

6th Grade:

1st place: Camila Pedroza-Garcia, Sanford Middle School
2nd place: Maggie Anderson, Sanford Middle School
3rd place: Mia Ruchie, Susan B. Anthony Middle School

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By The City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the Minneapolis City Council honors and appreciates all of those students who participated in the 2014 Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Essay Contest, and gives special recognition to those who won 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Passed, August 1, 2014

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest: _____
Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk